

FEBRUARY 4, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. HARPER, from the select committee upon the subject of patents and the patent laws, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of John J. Roane.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 so much of an act entitled "An act to promote the progress of
4 useful arts, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts heretofore
5 made for that purpose," passed the fourth day of July, one thou-
6 sand eight hundred and thirty-six, as "disqualifies and interdicts
7 all persons employed in the patent office from taking, except by
8 inheritance, any right or interest, directly or indirectly, in any pa-
9 tent for an invention or discovery which has been or may hereafter
10 be granted," be, and the same is hereby, suspended, so far as
11 shall be necessary to authorize the issuing of a patent to John J.
12 Roane, now a clerk in the patent office, for his invention of what
13 he denominates "the antipyric rail-way;" subject, however, to
14 the same restrictions and conditions as if the said John J. Roane
15 was not a clerk in the patent office.